

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to disclose or fairly suggest the unexpected results of "a mole number of W is less than a mole number of Ni, and the mole number of Ni is less than a mole number of Al; and said catalyst contains W in a proportion of 1 to 5 wt% based on a total weight of said catalyst comprising a composite oxide of Ni and Al" in combination with the additional features recited therein.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TOM P. DUONG whose telephone number is (571)272-2794. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM - 4:30PM (IPF).

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